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USE OF DESIGN SERVICES FROM HELLMUTH, OBATA & KASSABAUM

As you know, in September 2000, the County settled its lawsuit with Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum (HOK), the Architects from the Twin Towers Jail Project. As part of this settlement, HOK agreed to provide \$500,000 of design services at no cost to the County for whichever project(s) the County chooses. The agreement provided that these services be completed before October 2002.

Since that time, we have worked to identify a project that would be best suited for using these services considering HOK's areas of design expertise, as well as the amount and duration of the services. Considering all of the relevant issues and the status of the County's overall capital improvements program, we recommend that the \$500,000 of services be divided equally among the Supervisorial Districts and allocated to ongoing projects which have tight budget constraints such as Parks and Recreation projects. Attached is a summary of our specific recommendations for each District. In each case, we have identified tasks that could be completed by the funding deadline and within the amount of the free services to avoid the need to contract with HOK for ongoing services. In each case, the cost of these services is an estimate, and the exact scope and cost would have to be established with HOK.

We will contact each of your offices to discuss these recommendations.

If you have any questions, please call either of us or your staff may call Tom Remillard at (626) 458-4004 or Sharon Yonashiro at (213) 974-2273.

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cc: County Counsel
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**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS FOR
HELLMUTH, OBATA & KASSABAUM DESIGN SERVICES**

DISTRICT	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION
First	Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area	Estimated project cost is approximately \$1,000,000 and consists of refurbishing the campground restroom, removing concrete around administration building, installing fencing at swim beach and concrete charcoal receptacle, and new play area; replacing irrigation pump; developing a recreational vehicle campsite; and improvements to the overflow parking area and administration building. Scope of services would include programming and design.
Second	Campanella Park General Improvements	Estimated project cost is approximately \$500,000 and includes improvements to the pool infrastructure, renovating the irrigation system, and enlarging the community room. Scope of services would include programming and design.
	Mona Park General Improvements	Estimated project cost is approximately \$600,000 and includes constructing a new restroom; renovating ballfields, group picnic area, and drinking fountains; replacing the manual irrigation system with an automatic irrigation system; refurbishing pool building and signage. Scope of services would include programming and design.
Third	Van Nuys Child Care Center	Estimated project cost is approximately \$2,000,000 and includes constructing a 7,000-square-foot single-story child care facility, a 7,200-square-foot outdoor play area, and an associated parking area. Scope of services would include programming and design.
	Virginia Robinson Gardens General Improvement	Estimated project cost is approximately \$1,000,000 and includes renovating walkways; upgrades to exterior lighting, balustrades, and interior retaining walls; replacing flat roofs; restoring brick work and terrazzo tile; lead abatement in kitchenette; and other minor work to prevent ultimate failure and possible damage to the facility, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Scope of services would include programming and design.
Fourth	Steinmetz Senior Center Expansion	Estimated project cost is approximately \$1,000,000 and includes renovating irrigation system; developing a pathway and ADA access along the western boundary of the park; and an approximate 7,000-square-foot expansion to the existing senior center including a new restroom. Scope of services would include programming and design.

Fifth	Placerita Canyon Nature Center	Approximately \$1,200,000 in available funding. Project cost is approximately \$5,000,000 and would include renovating existing or constructing new nature center and modifications to facility to comply with ADA. Scope of services would include programming and design.
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